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POETRY: *A Magazine of Verse*

TANKA

I

A frail hepatica
Shyly holds its fragrance
Beneath the fresh morning dew.
So, Elizabeth.

II

The air is still
And grasses are wet;
Thread-like rain
Screens the dunes.

III

The storm has passed,
The sky washed clear.
Rain-drops on twigs
Reflect the moon.

IV

A sloping sand plain
Fades into pale night air;
A black tree skeleton
Casts no shadow.

V

The brook has gone,
Left the lifeless bed behind;

Jun Fujita

A lonely bird
Seeks the water in vain.

VI

On a country road
An old woman walks;
The autumn sun
Casts her shadow long and thin.

VII

Across the frozen marsh
The last bird has flown;
Save a few reeds
Nothing moves.

VIII

Graves are frozen.
A few leaves
Stood, danced
And have gone.

Jun Fujita